Section I:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121 to the

CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended):

 A method in a processor-based system for setting accessibility performance characteristics comprising the steps of:

  providing a plurality of accessibility profiles, each accessibility profile containing one or more definitions of system accessibility performance characteristics <u>for a particular application program or system function</u>; [[and]]

  <u>upon simultaneous execution of two or more application programs or operation of two or more system functions, determining which of said plurality of accessibility profiles to make effective according to a system accessibility policy; and</u>

  setting system accessibility performance characteristics according to definitions contained within ~~a selected~~ <u>said</u> accessibility profile <u>determined according to said policy</u>.

Claim 2 (currently amended):

 The method as set forth in Claim 1 further comprising:

  assigning an accessibility profile to a system function or application program <u>selected by a user from a plurality of application programs or system functions; and</u>

  setting system accessibility performance characteristics according to definitions contained within [[a]] said assigned accessibility profile when [[a]] <u>said</u> system function is operated or application program is executed.

Claim 3 (original):

 The method as set forth in Claim 1 further comprising the step of launching at least one companion application program or operating at least one companion system function as defined by said accessibility profile.

Claim 4 (original):

> The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of providing a plurality of accessibility profiles comprises providing a name for each accessibility profile.

Claim 5 (original):

> The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of providing a plurality of accessibility profiles comprises providing groups of accessibility profiles such that each group of accessibility profiles inherits the system accessibility performance characteristic definitions of its constituent accessibility profiles.

Claim 6 (original):

> The method as set forth in Claim 1 further comprises the step of transferring or copying one or more accessibility profiles from one system to another system.

Claim 7 (original):

> The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of providing accessibility profiles comprises providing an association between accessibility profiles and user names or user identifiers.

Claim 8 (currently amended):

    A computer-readable media containing computer-executable program code for setting accessibility performance characteristics of a computer-based system, said program code causing the computer-based system to perform the steps of:

    providing a plurality of accessibility profiles, each accessibility profile containing one or more definitions of system accessibility performance characteristics for a particular application program or system function; [[and]]

    upon simultaneous execution of two or more application programs or operation of two or more system functions, determining which of said plurality of accessibility profiles to make effective according to a system accessibility policy; and

    setting system accessibility performance characteristics according to definitions contained within a selected said accessibility profile determined according to said policy.

Claim 9 (currently amended):

    The computer-readable media as set forth in Claim 8 further comprising program code for:

    assigning an accessibility profile to a system function or application program selected by a user from a plurality of application programs or system functions; and

    setting system accessibility performance characteristics according to definitions contained within [[a]] said assigned accessibility profile when [[a]] said system function is operated or application program is executed.

Claim 10 (original):

    The computer-readable media as set forth in Claim 8 further comprising program code for performing the step of launching at least one companion application program or companion system function as defined by said accessibility profile.

Claim 11 (original):

        The computer-readable media as set forth in Claim 8 wherein said program code for providing a plurality of accessibility profiles comprises program code for providing a name for each accessibility profile.

Claim 12 (original):

        The computer-readable media as set forth in Claim 8 wherein said program code for performing the step of providing a plurality of accessibility profiles comprises program code for providing groups of accessibility profiles wherein each group of accessibility profiles inherits the system accessibility performance characteristics definitions of its constituent accessibility profiles.

Claim 13 (original):

        The computer-readable media as set forth in Claim 8 further comprising program code for transferring or copying one or more accessibility profiles from one system to another system.

Claim 14 (original):

        The computer-readable media as set forth in Claim 8 wherein said program code for providing accessibility profiles comprises program code to associate accessibility profiles to user names or identifiers.

Claim 15 (currently amended)

A system for managing user accessibility characteristics comprising:

a plurality of accessibility profiles, each accessibility profile defining a set of user-preferences for system accessibility characteristics for ~~an assigned~~ a particular system function or application program; and

an accessibility profile manager which, upon simultaneous execution of two or more application programs or operation of two or more system functions, determines which of said plurality of accessibility profiles to make effective according to a system accessibility policy, and sets ~~for setting~~ system accessibility characteristics according to ~~one or more accessibility profiles~~ said accessibility profile determined according to said policy.

Claim 16 (canceled).

Claim 17 (original):

The system as set forth in Claim 15 further comprising a companion operator for automatically operating a companion system function according to definitions in an accessibility profile.

Claim 18 (original):

The system as set forth in Claim 15 further comprising a companion executor for automatically executing a companion application program according to definitions in an accessibility profile.

Claim 19 (original):

The system as set forth in Claim 15 further comprising a group accessibility profile, said group accessibility profile defining a set of user-preferences for system accessibility characteristics for an assigned system function or application program according to inherited system accessibility characteristics definitions from a plurality of accessibility profiles.

Claim 20 (original):

    The system as set forth in Claim 15 further comprising a profile transferor for transferring and copying accessibility profiles between systems.

Claim 21 (original):

    The system as set forth in Claim 15 further comprising a profile namer for assigning user-defined names to accessibility profiles.

Claim 22 (original):

    The system as set forth in Claim 15 further comprising a user ID associator which automatically selects an accessibility profile based upon a user-supplied identifier.